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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON THE INDIAN
OCEAN

1. AT HIS REQUEST, AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY DCM BIRCH CALLED
ON PM DEPUTY DIRECTOR KAHAN TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- DURING APRIL MEETING ASSISTANT DEFENSE SECRETARY
PRITCHETT HAD TOLD PM DIRECTOR GELB THAT SOVIETS HAD
INVITED AUSTRALIA TO SEND DELEGATION TO MOSCOW FOR
BILATERAL TALKS ON INDIAN OCEAN ISSUES. PRITCHETT ASKED
FOR US VIEWS ON DESIRABILITY OF SUCH TALKS. GELB SAID
US WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION, BUT FINAL DECISION WAS UP TO
GOA.

-- AUSTRALIANS SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD SOVIETS THEY DID NOT THINK
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IT WAS NECESSARY TO SEND A TEAM TO MOSCOW FOR CONSULTATIONS
AND SUGGESTED TOPIC BE PUT ON AGENDA FOR NEXT REGULARLY-
SCHEDULED SOVIET-AUSTRALIAN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

-- SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN CANBERRA THEN AGAIN PRESSED FOR
MORE SUBSTANTIAL CONSULTATIONS AND SAID MOSCOW DOES NOT
VIEW ADDING THIS TOPIC TO AGENDA OF ROUTINE SOVIET-

AUSTRALIAN CONSULTATIONS AS ADEQUATE TO IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE.

- AUSTRALIANS HAVE THEREFORE INSTRUCTED THEIR AMBASSADOR
IN MOSCOW TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR MENDELEVICH TO DISCUSS
INDIAN OCEAN ISSUES. AUSTRALIANS INTEND TO KEEP TALKS
GENERAL, WILL PROTECT US CONFIDENCES, AND WILL INFORM US
OF RESULTS OF TALKS.

2. KAHAN COMMENTED THAT IN HIS VIEW IT WOULD BE USEFUL
FOR SOVIETS TO HAVE BENEFIT OF DIRECT AUSTRALIAN VIEWS ON
THE TALKS. WE HAVE TOLD SOVIETS THAT WHILE TALKS ARE BI-
LATERAL WE HAVE TO TAKE THE VIEWS OF OUR ALLIES INTO AC-
COUNT. SOVIETS HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR RESUMPTION OF THE
TALKS, BUT US POSITION REMAINS THE SAME, I.E., SOVIETS
NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT AN INDIAN OCEAN AGREEMENT COULD
NOT PERMIT CONTINUATION OF CURRENT HIGH LEVEL OF SOVIET
NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE AREA. CHRISTOPHER

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